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HAPPY holidays FROM THE EAGLE STAFF

Plymouth racetrack plan continues to prompt protests

A plan to bring a harness racing track to Plymouth Township continues to meet objections from the public and recently from the director of a new group called the Economic Development Responsibility Alliance (EDRA) of Michigan.

Marjorie Steele, the founder and executive director of the group, recently issued a statement noting that local residents continue to protest the plan to move Northville Downs harness track from the current location in downtown Northville to a 128-acre parcel of land near the intersection of Five Mile and Ridge roads in Plymouth Township. Plans for the new track were approved as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) by members of the planning commission in February. That approval expires in February of 2024.

> *"Northville Downs is the only operating live racing track in the state following a decline in interest and attendance.*

Steele cites the concerns of local residents about "taxpayer subsidies for horseracing, crime, environmental destruction, traffic gridlock and harm to the local economy and property values."

Northville Downs is the only operating live racing track in the state following a decline in interest and attendance at the racing events. Steele claims that simulcast races accounted for 96 percent of gambling activity at Northville Downs last year which, she says, proves that very little actual live horseracing takes place at the track.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise has been publicly supportive of the track in the past, claiming the facility would be of benefit to the entire community as the property could be used for multiple community events while racing was not taking place. A vocal critic of the plan, Trustee John Stewart, says he finds no benefit in the proposal and strongly opposes the construction of the Northville Downs in Plymouth racetrack.

Steele claims that 1,200 residents of a group called Stop the Racetrack have signed a peti-

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Sounds of the season

The traditional Noon Rotary Club Holiday Concert took place at the Plymouth Community Center last week in front of nearly 300 guests. More than 60 students from the vocal and orchestral music programs at the Plymouth Community Educational Park performed songs and instrumental favorites of the season. Vocal presentations were under the direction of Jennifer Neumann while Michael Edwards conducted the orchestra musicians. A special rendition of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus was under the direction of guest conductor John Stewart. Stewart reminded the audience that the music programs had been rebuilt at the schools by Newmann and Edwards following COVID and explained that the performance was of a quality far beyond the high-school level. "There is nothing like this anywhere," Stewart said of the young performers and music program in the schools. The students, and Stewart, received a standing ovation from the audience which included members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, Superintendent of Plymouth Canton Schools Monica Merrit and several other local and school officials. Photos by Pamela J. Hall.

Area mourns death of Councilwoman Eva Webb

Councilwoman Eva Webb

The Romulus community is mourning the death of City Councilwoman Eva Webb, 75, who died Dec. 15, 2023 after a hard-fought health battle.

Calling the City of Romulus home since 1972, Mrs. Webb served on countless boards commissions and volunteer organizations always focused on helping others and moving her community forward, city officials recalled.

Mrs. Webb's career encompassed various roles, including service as a City of Romulus employee in the Building Department beginning in 1996, moving to the position of Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk and then appointed Deputy City Clerk in 2001, a role she held until her retirement in 2009.

With a focus on youth and education, Councilwoman Webb served on the Romulus Community School Board for four years, serving as School Board Secretary, School Board Treasurer and School Board Vice President.

Following her retirement in 2009, Mrs. Webb successfully sought election to the Romulus City Council, serving from 2009 to 2013. After a four-

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The Crimemapping.com service used by several Sumpter Township residents to receive alerts will cease Dec. 31, police officials said.

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Canton Sports Center Canton Sports Center, a popular sports destination for local softball/baseball leagues and tournaments will undergo renovations.

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Students at David Hicks Elementary School in Inkster received a special holiday visit last week when more than 3,000 gifts were waiting for them after their lunch break.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
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Northville residents have only until Jan. 1 to nominate candidates for the annual John Genitti Citizen of the Year award.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools partnered with a local business to help spread some holiday cheer to dozens of families.

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The Wreaths Across America ceremony at Memorial Cemetery in Romulus was a moving tribute to those men and women who have served their country.

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The Wayne Memorial 2023 varsity boys bowling team won the state championship last May and received their championship rings and school banner last week.

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The Compassion Project at the Westland City Council meeting Dec. 4 introduced three outstanding students from three different elementary schools.

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Romulus

Cemetery wreath ceremony pays tribute to veterans

The Wreaths Across America ceremony at Memorial Cemetery in Romulus was a moving tribute to those men and women who have served their country.

The event, brought to the community by Mayor Robert A. McCraight, was especially significant to him as a member of a military family. Service members have been a passion of the mayor for decades. He is the co-founder of the Romulus Veterans Outreach Coalition, which focuses on service projects for Romulus veterans, and supports other organizations and programs for combat veterans suffering from PTSD. McCraight has also been awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Distinguished Service Award for his efforts to acknowledge and honor those who serve in all branches of the military.

McCraight and his wife, Kendra, participated in their first Wreaths Across America at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly 10 years ago. Since then, the couple has participated in the nationwide event that recognizes deceased veterans every year. McCraight said he was gratified to have brought the event to Romulus where residents have embraced the event and helped it grow each year.

National Wreaths Across America Day took place at over 4,225 participating locations across the country, including Arlington National Cemetery. Volunteers remembered heroes as they said their names aloud, honoring over three million veterans this year. The organization slogan, Remember, Honor, Teach is one McCraight continues to support.

The motto reminds individuals to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

"What I love most about this day, and this mission, is that it is so much more than just the placement of a

wreath. The wreath is the catalyst, it brings together communities - families and strangers -- to learn about those who have served and sacrificed," said Karen Worcester, executive director Wreaths Across America. "We have more than three million volunteers across the country and a third of them are children. This mission and the events happening today provide the opportunity to teach kids about what freedom is."

For more information about the year-long mission and ways to get involved, visit www.wreathacrossamerica.org. National Wreaths Across America Day 2024 will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Webb

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year hiatus, she was re-elected to serve on the Romulus City Council from 2017 to 2021. Before her death, she was serving her second consecutive term on the city council following her re-election in 2021.

Quoted in a 2022 spotlight on her service to the community and her career Councilwoman Webb stated, "Being elected to the Romulus City Council has given me an even deeper appreciation for this community and its people. I love the community and am proud to have raised my children here as well as helped to instill in my grandchildren compassions, faith, honor, love and respect."

Among her survivors are her husband of 56 years, Bobby; her children Robyn (Frank) McCurdy, Robert (Tasha) Webb and Erika Webb; grandchildren Tiara Webb, Caitlin Dorsey, Robbie Webb and Kendall Dorsey; great-grandchildren, Bryant Street and Rylo Webb; siblings Tommy (Carol) Muncie, and Thelma Jean (the late Jerry) Stockton. Mrs. Webb was predeceased by her parents, Ivan and Emma Jean Muncie and a daughter, Monica Webb.

Cremation rites were accorded at The Witness Crematory at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, 1903 Wolf Creek Highway, Adrian, MI 49221.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe, Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney; Roger Kadau, Cable Director

1. **Agenda**
   - **A.** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Approval of the Agenda as amended to add item 6E to the Clerk's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-291** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **B.** There was no special meeting(s) held on Monday, November 6, 2023.
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - **A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko presented the Mayor's report in the absence of Mayor McCraight. Mrs. Wojtylko provided updates regarding the "No Parking" signs on Dexter Street, trees on Middlebelt Road, and traffic calming options for speeding vehicles in the city.
   There were no action items under the Mayor's Report.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-292** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption to amendments to Ch. 36, Section 36-360 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, introduced at the November 6th Regular Meeting. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **B.** **Res. #23-293** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and final Adoption to amendments to Ch. 58, Section 58-50, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, introduced at the November 6th Regular Meeting. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **C.** **Res. #23-294** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-8 in the amount of $10,000.00 to recognize donations for the Tree Lighting and Holiday Train Event and corresponding expenditures. This budget amendment was introduced at the November 6th Regular Meeting. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **D.** **Res. #23-295** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** deeming it advisable to consider the vacation of the east-west alley, south of Ecorse Road between Craig Ave. and Elmnview Ave; and, to schedule a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023,, at 6:30 p.m. to hear public input on said alley vacation. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **E.** **Res. #23-296** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to amend their 11/6/23 resolution reappointing Maria Lambert, Julie Wojtylko, Cynthia Keleman, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Lynne Conway, Anne Lammers, and David Paszkowski to the 'Romulus Arts Council Commission' with all terms to expire on November 11, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment**
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding the "No Parking" signs on Dexter Street.
   A resident on Dexter Street addressed the City Council regarding the lack of street lights.
9. **Unfinished Business** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - **A.** **Res. #23-297** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-21 for checks presented in the amount of $5,879,549.03. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. **Communication** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.
    Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Nays - None
    Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 23, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Councilwoman Virginia Williams, Chair Pro Tem.
Present: Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Robert Pfannes - Police Chief; Kenneth Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief

1. **Agenda**
   - **A.** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - **A.** **Res. #23-269** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **B.** **Res. #23-270** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss union matters. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, Virginia Williams, Chair Pro-Tem**
   Res. #23-271 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Daryl Jamison. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **A.** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   The Mayor presented a proclamation to Skylin Bradley for her heroic act in dialing emergency services for her grandmother.
   - **A.** **Res. #23-272** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreements with the City of Taylor to allow for access to sewer connection at 16251 and 16255 Inkster Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **B.** **Res. #23-273** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the Sanitary Sewer Easement and Dedication agreement between Ashley Romulus, LLC and the City of Romulus to allow perpetual easement to the sanitary sewer within the parcels of 36663 and 37545 Van Born Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **C.** **Res. #23-274** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-3 to recognize 2023 Animal Welfare Grant revenue and expenditure.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General				
Revenue				
101-430-539.000 -AWFG23	Companion Animal Welfare Fund	$-	$3,500.00.00	$3,500.00
Expense				
101-430-730.000 -AWFG23	Operating Supplies	$-	$3,500.00	$3,500.00

Motion Carried Unanimously.

   - **D.** **Res. #23-275** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-7 to recognize MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance Program revenue and expenditure.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General				
Revenue				
205-301-566.000	Other State Grants	$-	$53,710.00	$53,710.00
Expense				
205-301-957.000	Certifications & Licensing	$87,866.00	$53,710.00	$141,576.00

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - **A .** **Res. #23-276** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-6 in the amount of $15,000.00 to recognize expenses to up-fit four (4) DB forfeiture vehicles. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - **B.** **Res. #23-277** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to amend the September 5, 2023 resolution asking the Charitable Gaming Division of the Michigan Lottery to recognize the Romulus Rotary Foundation as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment**
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding the truck traffic on Wick Road and Motorola radios purchased by the City.
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding traffic violations in his neighborhood by motorists.
   Former State Senator Adam Hollier addressed the City Council to introduce himself.
   Gina Wilson-Steward, chairperson of the Western Wayne NAACP, addressed the City regarding initiatives of the Western Wayne NAACP.
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding a peddler's licenses
9. **Unfinished Business** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
10. **New Business**
11. **Warrant**
    - **A.** **Res. #23-278** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Warrant #: 23-20 for checks presented in the amount of $1,490,826.59. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. **Communication** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 23, 2023.

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Inkster students enjoy early Christmas celebration

Students at David Hicks Elementary School in Inkster received a special holiday visit last week when more than 3,000 gifts worth more than $40,000 were waiting for them after their lunch break.

School Principal Amy Gee said she was moved to tears by the generosity of students from Walled Lake Northern High School. The gifts to the Inkster students were part of the annual gift drive of students, families and staff members. The school student leadership team chose the 430 students at the Helen Street elementary school in Inkster to receive the gifts this year.

Gee, known to many students as Mama Gee, was thrilled with the gifts, chosen for each individual child from lists they prepared during classes. Each of the students received six gifts, three items of necessity and three gifts that were strictly for fun.

"Kids giving back to kids is priceless during the holidays and our kids deserve this more than anybody," Gee said. The school is part of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

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Walled Lake Northern student leadership team annually selects a school to receive gifts as part of the gift drive. Student Council President Bella Rushwin said her conversation with Gee was the deciding factor in choosing the Helen Street school.

"Basically when I talked to Mrs. Gee there was a few big things that stood out to me. She said that a lot of their kids do struggle with hunger and there is a big need for food here at the school, lot of necessities. We knew this was the right school to choose for us."

Gee expressed her gratitude to the Walled Lake Northern students and staff and said the experience was one she would never forget and she was sure none of the students would ever forget the generosity and joy of the early Christmas event.

Checking it twice

Sumpter Township Police Officers Nicholas Johnson and Nelson Hammons weren't taking any risks during the annual Township Children's Party at the Sumpter Community Center earlier this month. Despite the red suit and beard, the officers thoroughly checked the identification of the man claiming to be Santa, just to ensure the children got to visit with the authentic Father Christmas. The event was attended by a record crowd this year, organizers said, and children received gifts and Christmas treat bags provided by the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission.

Alert system is changed

The Crimemapping.com service used by several Sumpter Township residents to receive public safety alerts will cease Dec. 31, township police officials said.

Sumpter Township Police are now using the new Public Crime Search application as part of the township consortium membership in the Oakland County CLEMIS (Court and Law Enforcement Management Information System).

Public Crime Search is a free web-based program that allows residents to map out reported and verified criminal activity, select specific crime types and date ranges, and generate reports for specific areas. Users can choose 16+ different types of crimes, officials noted.

To search and view reportable crimes specifically for Sumpter Township, take these steps:

Under the WHAT tab, choose the types of crimes you want to see (police recommend choosing all in the drop-down); Under the WHEN tab, choose the timeframe; then under the WHERE tab, choose "SUMPTER TWP" in the "filter by city" drop-down. Users should then enter "apply" to receive the results of the search.

Residents can also sign up for email alerts any time a crime is reported within a 1-mile square radius surrounding a chosen location. Those alerts can be requested for multiple locations, police said.

The site can be accessed at:https://experience.arcgis.com/.../a945468523494efe97f8ab2...

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 27, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-298** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. There were no special meeting(s) held on Monday, November 13, 2023.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   Mayor McCraight provided updates on road construction projects in the city.
   - A. **Res. #23-299** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Agreement for Consulting Services with Carlisle Wortman Association, Inc., to assist with supporting planning, zoning, and building. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #23-300** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on GSA contract GL-07F-173CA for the purchase of a security door access system and cameras for video conferencing setup from Actron Security Alarm Systems, Inc. in the amount of $95,364.49. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #23-301** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-9 for additional funding needed for two (2) part-time staff members for the Recreation Department through FY24.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
101 Recreation				
Fund Balance				
101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	$10,030,739.00	$22,606.00	$10,008,133.00
Expense				
101-751-703.000	Part-Time wages	$-	$22,606.00	$22,606.00

Motion Carried Unanimously.

   - D. **Res. #23-302** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-10 for additional funding needed for one (1) part-time IT staff member through FY24.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
664 Tech. Serv.				
Fund Balance				
664-000-395.000	Retained Earnings	$340,116.00	$19,200.00	$320,916.00
Expense				
664-000-703.000	Part-Time wages	$-	$19,200.00	$19,200.00

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-303** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Boards & Commissions Report**
   - A. Local Officers Compensation Commission Report/Determination
     No action is necessary unless the determination by the commission is rejected by 2/3 vote of the Council-elect (MCL 117.5c(c))
     No action was taken by the Council.
8. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
   Treasurer Paige reminded residents that winter tax bills will be delivered to the residents' mailboxes by December 1st and are due on February 14th. She encouraged residents to contact her office with any questions.
9. **Public Comment**
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding the truck traffic on Wick Road.
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding the Ashley Capital Development between Wick Road and Ecorse Road.
10. **Unfinished Business** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
11. **New Business** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
12. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #23-304** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-22 for checks presented in the amount of $931,620.96. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
13. **Communication** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
14. **Adjournment**

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 27, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
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Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Jeffrey Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Donald Straub - Assistant DPW Director; Roger Kadau - Cable Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-305** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. There were no special meeting(s) held on Monday, November 27, 2023.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #23-306 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Willie Hester. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #23-307 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a resolution recognizing the retirement of Derran Shelby. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
   - A. Councilperson Abdo stepped out of the council chambers at 7:47 p.m.
     Res. #23-308 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Keith Johnston to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on July 31, 2027.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Motion Carried
     Councilperson Abdo was not present in the council chambers during the roll call vote.
     Res. #23-309 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Craig Greca to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on August 26, 2027.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Motion Carried
     Councilperson Abdo was not present in the council chambers during the roll call vote.
     Res. #23-310 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Arianna LeSure to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire on August 26, 2027.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Motion Carried
     Councilperson Abdo was not present in the council chambers during the roll call vote.
   - B. **Res. #23-311** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the contract with GEM Industrial, Inc. for 463 hour soft preventative maintenance for filters and belts for all City facilities (excluding the RAC under separate contract), 96 hours of troubleshooting software, hardware needs as required, and $2,500.00 material allowance to address nuisance repairs to eliminate call back charges at a total price of $96,100.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #23-312** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the Rochester Hills cooperative contract RFP-RH-20-023 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 M2 106 Plus Conventional Freightliner Chassis from Wolverine Freightliner with extended warranty for a total cost of $109,457.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
     Res. #23-313 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and consent to MiDeal Contract #07B7700086 for the purchase of the Crysteel 14' Select Dump Body and upfitting the chassis from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. for a total cost of $59,785.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-314** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-9 in the amount of $22,606.00 for additional funding needed for two (2) part-time staff members for the Recreation Department through FY24. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #23-315** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-10 in the amount of $19,200.00 for additional funding needed for one (1) part-time IT staff member through FY 24. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #23-316** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and reappoint Reverend Edward Thomas Jr. to the Romulus Board of Review with a term commencing on January 1, 2024, and expiring on December 31, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Communication** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 4, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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Canton

Major upgrades planned at Canton Sports Center

Canton Sports Center, a popular sports destination for local softball/baseball leagues and national tournaments in the Metro Detroit area, is set to undergo several significant renovations in early 2024.

The facility, located in Victory Park in Canton Township, will be upgraded in 2024 with a new state-of-the-art LED lighting system, that will improve on-field lighting and visibility in the 12 softball fields, as well as reduce energy consumption and enhance the overall experience for players and spectators, officials said. This project, which is currently in progress, is scheduled to be completed in April 2024 by the opening day of the 2024 spring season.

A majority of the concrete sidewalks surrounding the facility have already been replaced, officials noted. Plans include the replacement of all sidewalks leading to the 12 softball fields in October 2024.

Recently completed renovations include a dining area makeover to Kicker's Bar & Grill - a full-service restaurant located in the facility. Improvements include an updated look with a new paint color scheme and booth cushion replacements.

"All of these projects will deliver superior improvements to our premier facility, which hosts over 2,500 league and tourney teams from April to October each year," said Abe Vinitski, Canton Park & Sports supervisor. "Every year, we draw local youth and senior participants along with national elite players to Canton as their destination for baseball, softball, cricket, lacrosse, and flag football. These dramatic improvements will help secure our ranking as one of the best sports facilities in Michigan."

The Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave., annually plays host to several national tournaments that produce a significant economic impact to the area, at times generating more than $1 million in revenue for area businesses, Vinitski added. For additional information about the Canton Sports Center, visit csc.canton-mi.org, or call (734) 483-5600.

Canton Township elected officials celebrate the official groundbreaking to mark the commencement of renovation at the Canton Sports Center. Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist, Canton Township Trustee Steven Sneideman, Canton Township Treasurer Dian Slavens, Canton Trustee Kate Borninski, and township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak dig in to begin the upcoming project.

Summit Aquatic Center reopens following major renovations

While a grand re-opening of the Summit Aquatic Center is planned for Jan. 5, the five-lane pool was quietly opened for lap swimming as the $2.4 million in renovations to the facility are completed.

The construction project included tile replacement in all pools, including the lap pool and family pool, as well as on the pool decks, officials said. Tile was also replaced in the spa and sauna, as well as in the men's, women's, family, and inclusive locker rooms. Further enhancements include the addition of a colorful 6-foot tall Gum Drop water feature, as well as the painting of the pool deck roof. Summit members and guests will now be able to access only the lap pool from 6 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Additional renovations are still under way that will require the Aquatic Center hallway to remain closed, as well as the spa, sauna, and steam room. In addition, the large pool stairs will not be accessible; however, the chairlift for ADA access will be available. In addition, the men's and women's locker rooms will be accessible and the family locker room should open today, Dec. 21.

As renovations are finalized, Aquatic Center officials planned for the reopening of the remaining amenities today with open swim times available from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 1 until 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. During the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools winter break from Dec. 23 through Jan. 6, additional open swim times will be available from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. All swim lessons will also resume on Jan. 7, with limited registration currently available at www.summitonthepark.org. Concluding construction projects may restrict public access to some Aquatic Center areas as renovations are finalized, officials noted.

The official reopening set for 5:30 p.m. Jan. 5 will take place in the Aquatic Center. Summit members and Canton residents will also be able to enjoy an open swim after the ceremony from 6-8 p.m.

Although there is no fee to attend the open swim, pre-registration is required. Online registration for this special open swim session is currently available, although spots are limited, at www.cantonfun.org/register with Code: AQ3510, officials said.

"Summit staff are eager to welcome back the community to our newly renovated Aquatic Center and thank them for their patience as we complete this important project," stated Jason Lombardo, Summit facility supervisor. "This construction project is so important for the long-term life of the pool and will ensure that our Aquatic Center is enjoyed for years to come."

The 13,340 square-foot Aquatic Center at the Summit on the Park features a five-lane, 25-yard lap pool, zero-depth leisure pool with play features, lazy river, and slide, as well as a steam room and sauna. To learn more about the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center renovations, as well as available memberships, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Warm wishes

The Canton Township Police Department winter clothing drive collected a van stuffed with cold weather wear. The donations were recently collected at the Canton Meijer and officers said the generous donations would provide the gift of warmth for many children and families during the winter. Canton officers distributed the donated items at Open Door Ministries last week during the weekly food distribution. More than 460 families were served as part of the effort. Officers posted a note of thanks on social media to all those who contributed to the effort.

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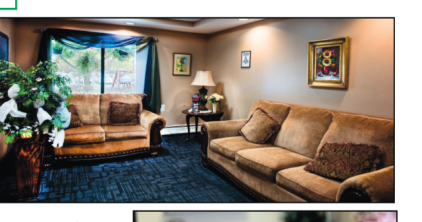

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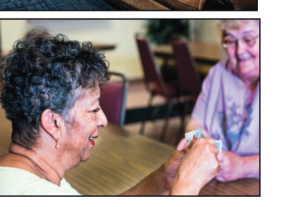

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Citizen of the Year nominations being accepted

Northville residents have only until Jan. 1 to nominate candidates for the annual John Genitti Citizen of the Year award.

Each year, the Northville community celebrates the dedication and commitment of community members who give their time, energy, and talent to make Northville a special place to live, work, and play, said a spokesman from the Northville Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event.

Each year since 1976, a citizen has been recognized with the Citizen of the Year award. In 2014, the award was designated the 'John Genitti Citizen of the Year Award,'' in honor of local resident and businessman John Genitti.

The Citizen of the Year receives a place of honor in the Independence Day Parade, the Victorian Heritage Festival Parade and the Holiday Lighted Parade.

To be considered for the award, the nominee must be involved in actively supporting (through time, talent or financial support) an organization that improves the Northville community. The nominee must work or live in the Northville community and demonstrate a concern for the community, environment and family.

Candidates should be a role model from youth and citizens, according to the nominating petition criteria.

The nomination must include a brief outline of the reasons the candidate might qualify for Citizen of the Year status.

Nomination forms are available at https://www.northville.org/citizen-of-the-year.

The winner of the 2024 John Genitti Citizen of the Year will be announced on Feb. 8 at the Northville Community Awards Dinner.

Northville offering discounted dog licenses until Dec. 31

Northville Township residents looking for that special holiday gift for the family pet might consider the purchase of the required 2024 dog license currently discounted to $5.

The discounted rate will be available until Dec. 31. After that date, the license renewal fee will be $7, while only new licenses will be at the $5 rate. Licenses can be purchased in person at township hall, 44405 Six Mile Road and require proof of a current rabies vaccination certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian. Payment for license fees must be in cash or check, officials said.

To purchase a license by mail, pet owners must complete an application and include a copy of the signed rabies certificate, along with a check to cover the license fee and return postage to: Charter Township of Northville, Animal License, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168

There is an additional $2 fee for mail-in applications to facilitate the mailing of the tag back to owners. For more information, please visit https://ntwp.org/doglicense.

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Meet the champs

The Wayne Memorial 2023 varsity boys bowling team won the state championship last May and received their championship rings and school banner last week. The team members Jeremiah Hodge, Elliot Hill, Davin Raisanen, Mark-Vincent Wells, Santray Trottier, Kyle Webster, and Donovan Uselman celebrated with Coach Christine Day. "I cannot say enough good things about these young men," Day said immediately after the championship games. It was the best ending to a fantastic season," she added.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Roger Kadau - Cable Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-279** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Abstained - Abdo **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. There was no special meeting(s) held on Monday, October 23, 2023.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor** - *Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes*
   Mayor McCraight gave an update on the Injection Well, Motown Development, Wayne/Ecorse con struction, Eureka Road construction, and Pennsylvania road completion.
   - A. **Res. #23-280** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and to reappoint Maria Lambert, Julie Wojtylko, Cynthia Keleman, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Lynn Conway, Anne Lammers, and David Paszkowski to the Romulus Arts Council with all terms to expire on November 11, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-281** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and authorize a no-fee permit for all 2023 Tree Lighting/Holiday Train even on November 24, 2023 as well as the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and Bibbins Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. and re-opening November 25, 2023, at 1:00 a.m. and the closure of Goddard Road from Shook Road to Moore Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. and re-opening Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 1:00 a.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-282** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Gilbane Construction for pre-construction services to begin the process of evaluation and feasibility of options for renovations or construction of the Romulus Police Department's facilities. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-283** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B77001117 with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. to purchase two (2) ICP2 Tabulators for early voting in the amount of $13,413.64. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - E. **Res. #23-284** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 23/24-8 to recognize donations for the Tree Lighting and Holiday Train Event and corresponding expenditures.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
101-751 REC				
Revenue				
101-751-675.000	Donations	$-	$10,00000	$10,00000
Expense				
101-751-953.017	Rec. Prgm - Tree Lighting	$500.00	$10,00000	$10,500.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-285** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-3 in the amount of $3,500.00 to recognize the 2023 Animal Welfare Grant revenue and expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-286** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 23/24-7 in the amount of $53,710.00 to recognize MCOLES Public Safety Academy Assistance Program revenue and expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-287** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to deem it advisable to consider the vacation of the entire north-south alley, west of Loraine Ave and south of Hildebrandt Road to terminus, and schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to hear public input on said alley vacation in accordance with Chapter 14, Section 14.2 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-288** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney, Stephen Hitchcock, and the prosecuting attorney, David Greco and approve the first reading and introduction to amendments to Chapter 36, Section 36-360 Brandishing Firearm in Public; Applicability; Violation as a Misdemeanor; Penalty of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - E. **Res. #23-289** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney, Stephen Hitchcock, and the prosecuting attorney, David Greco and approve the first reading and introduction to amendments to Chapter 38, Section 58-50 Distracted Driving, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. City Attorney Report - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes
   - A. **Res. #23-290** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the Administration and recommendation of the City Attorney, and adopt the resolution requesting the Michigan House of Representatives reject bill 4965, which would remove revenue from the city used to support cable programming to its residents. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
8. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
   Treasurer Paige reminded residents of the due date for winter property taxes. She also commented on the property tax credit cap of $63,000 or less. Finally, she announced the Veteran's Resource Fair at Greater Grace Temple.
9. **Public Comment**
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding traffic concerns on Henry Ruff road and speed bumps on Gloria St.
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding trees and sidewalks on California Street and the south side of town.
   A resident addressed the City Council regarding the development on Dexter Street and the reasoning for a temporary parking sign.
10. Unfinished Business - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes
11. New Business
12. Communication
    Councilperson Abdo commented on activities available at the Romulus Athletic Center.
    Councilperson Talley commented on upcoming community events.
    Councilperson Williams reminded residents of the Forgotten Harvest program and thanked the Mayor and everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat event.
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 6, 2023.

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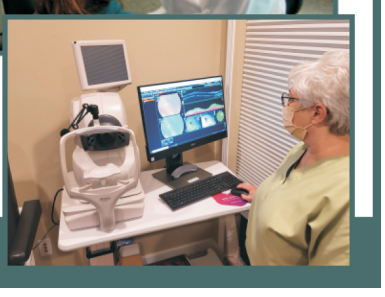

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Acts of kindness

The Compassion Project at the Westland City Council meeting Dec. 4 introduced three outstanding students from three different elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland district. Each child was chosen for this award based on random acts of kindness they implemented toward classmates, teachers, and/or classroom. Liam Bejarano from Edison Elementary surprised his teacher with her favorite candy while Sophia Bell-Esparza from Elliott Elementary was recognized for the help she provided in the lunchroom at her school. Angel Payne from Hicks Elementary has demonstrated her constant willingness to help her classmates, according to her nomination. Each of the students showed compassion and empathy in each of the random acts of kindness, according to program organizers and each was recognized during the city council meeting last week.

Warm wishes

Kristi Nimsgern, at left, a member of the Westland Rotary Club, and her fellow Rotarians have adopted a family this year through the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. Corps Pastor/ Administrator Andrew Barylski, at right, said about 750 area children are getting help this year with toys and clothing, including warm coats. Barylski is also a Westland Rotarian. The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army serves Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Inkster and New Boston.

Special delivery

School staff members, Whiteline Express deliver holiday meals

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools partnered with a local business to help spread some holiday cheer to dozens of families.

The school district and Whiteline Express, a trucking company in Plymouth, distributed turkeys and all the sides to families with students in district schools from Dec. 19 through today, Dec. 21. Part of a years-long partnership, Whiteline contributes the food while school district staff members deliver it.

"Plymouth-Canton Community Schools strongly believes in supporting families in our district in any way possible and we're so pleased to have Whiteline Express as our partner to help bring a little holiday cheer to our families," said Superintendent of Schools Monica L. Merritt. "Our families are the heart of our district and we're grateful we have this opportunity to give back to them during the holiday season."

> *We are truly honored to be able to continue this holiday tradition.*

Whiteline Express assembled the holiday meal package consisting of a turkey, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, sweet potatoes, canned food and other items. Sixty-five families who needed help this holiday season picked up baskets at Plymouth High School.

"Whiteline Express has made our home in the Plymouth-Canton community since 1983 and the families who live here are also our families in many ways," said Whiteline Vice President of Transportation Brian Holley. "We are truly honored to be able to continue this holiday tradition with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in supporting our local families and children and help bring a little happiness into their homes."

The turkey feast program has been a project of the school district and Whiteline Express for the past five years.

"At Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, we want to help ensure that families can enjoy a festive and nutritious holiday meal, and that's what drives our turkey feast donation," said Assistant Superintendent of Student and Family Engagement Liz Vartanian-Gibbs. "Our staff volunteers are really excited to be part of this effort and help distribute baskets for food ahead of the holidays."

Track

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tion in protest of the plan. Despite repeated requests, the board members and Heise have not seen any petitions. Opposition organizers have overtly refused to share any such petitions with township officials despite Heise's requests, although several Stop the Racetrack lawn signs have been installed in area residents' lawns. During the Dec. 12 meeting of the board members, one resident told the trustees that people are losing interest in using animals in entertainment, "The American people are not interested in animals as entertainment and those ventures are declining for that reason," he told the board.

In her statement of protest, Steele said there are two elementary schools within 1.5 miles of the proposed racetrack which will be serving alcohol and have hours of 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Steele also claims that representatives of the Friends of the Rouge group are "deeply concerned about the impact of the proposed facility on Johnson Creek, which cuts directly through the site."

Steele further alleges that Plymouth Township is unlikely to see any tax revenue from the facility for 10 years. Steele claims that the horse racing industry is involved in the widespread abuse and cruel treatment of horses and that state government "continues to subsidize this industry with taxpayer money."

Heise has stated he has had no meaningful contact with Northville downs representatives since October. He said the developer could ask for an extension of the PUD approval after the Feb. 28 expiration. Heise said the February date would require a decision by township officials about the future of the proposed track.

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This payment plan reduces the interest rate from 18% to 6% for eligible taxpayers. To sign up, you must own and live in your home, and have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and ID that proves residency.

Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)
This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

Stipulated Payment Agreement (SPA)
Available to everybody, this plan allows a taxpayer to pay taxes pursuant to a payment schedule. The plan will avoid foreclosure provided that payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule.

Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)
Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a lump sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

Many of these plans are available online at treasurer.waynecounty.com!

For more information, email WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-5990.